

WOMEN OF RIVAL WARRING NATIONS TO MEET IN PEACE

International Congress Will
Throw Them Into Close
Contact At The Hague.

The Hague, Netherlands, April 14.—Many well-known women from Germany and the British Isles will meet at the International Congress of Women on April 28 notwithstanding that their countries are at war, and contrary to reports that German women had decided not to attend.

A list of German and British women who have expressed their intention of being present either as individual members or as delegates of societies contains the following names:

Germany.
Frau Anna Edinger, Frankfurt-on-Main; Frau Professor Dr. Heidstock, Coblenz; Frau Dr. Luise Leisch, Frankfurt; Frau Dr. Margarethe L. Seelen, Berlin; Frau Marie Wegner, Breslau; Frau Johanna Birnbaum-Kadisch, Magdeburg; Frau Anita Augsburg, Munich; Frau Lida Gustave Haymann, Munich; Frau Frida Perlen, Stuttgart; and Frau E. von Schlumberger, Stuttgart.

British Isles.
Miss Mary E. O'Sullivan, London; Mrs. Elizabeth Mary Southey, Brighton; Miss E. Sylvia Parkhurst, London; Miss C. Drake, London; Miss I. Lind-A-Hageby, London; Miss Gore-Booth, Miss Esther G. Roper, and Mrs. C. Despard, London; Mrs. Crossfield, Cambridge; Mrs. W. M. Hayman, London; Mrs. Violet Vanburgh, London; Miss Frances E. Newton, London; with Syrian friends; Miss Norah L. Smyth, London; Miss Chrysalis Macmillan, Miss Marshall, Miss Courtney, Miss Lee, Mrs. Wilson, and Miss Isabel Ford.

As far as is known here the United States is to be represented by a large contingent of women, among them are Miss Jane Addams, and a number of members of the Peace Party. There will be a few delegates from Austria-Hungary, and a few from Belgium. Among the neutral countries, Denmark, Italy and Switzerland will be well represented. The difficulties of French women getting to the Congress are almost insuperable, and it is doubtful whether the country will be represented by more than two or three delegates.

One of the resolutions to be placed before the Congress will demand that the governments of the world will no longer allow private ownership of armaments.

MANY USES FOR HONEY.

Washington, April 14.—Various ways in which the housewife can use honey to advantage are suggested in a new publication of the United States Department of Agriculture, "Farmers' Bulletin 653, 'Honey and Its Uses in the Home.' In this country honey has hitherto not been in as common use as in Europe, especially in cooking. It is, however, a comparatively simple matter to substitute it in many recipes for common sugar or for molasses, and when this is done the resulting flavor is often both novel and agreeable.

One of the great advantages in the use of honey is that cakes made with it will keep much longer than those made with sugar. A cake made with butter, for instance, will keep its quality until the butter grows rancid, and one made without butter will keep fresh for months. Thus, honey is especially useful in recipes that call for no butter. Cakes made with honey have the same advantage, and some being made in the experimental laboratory of the Department of Agriculture, and at the end of 10 months to be as soft and in as good condition as when it was first made.

The experiments conducted by the department indicate that many of the instructions in the old cookbooks for the preparation of honey are unnecessarily elaborate. For example, it used to be thought that honey had to be brought to the boiling point and then skimmed and cooled. Since honey is extremely likely to boil over, this process requires great care. Experiments showed, however, that it appears to be quite unnecessary, and it is probable that the notion arose at a time when ordinary commercial honey contained more impurities than at present. Actually, the old recipes say that the dough should be kept at least one day before the soda is added. No evidence to support this theory was found by the investigators. On the other hand, however, they did discover that dough containing honey can be more easily kneaded if allowed to stand for several days. Again, the use of "potash" is recommended in most of the recipes in foreign cookbooks as a means of raising the dough. The properties of potash are quite similar to ordinary baking soda, and there seems no reason why the latter should not do just as well. Baking soda is a common kitchen commodity in America, and potassium bicarbonate—the potash of the cookery book—is almost unknown for household purposes. As a matter of fact, a little experience will enable any competent cook to substitute honey successfully for sugar in bread, cake, preserved fruits, sauces, and candies. It is safe to estimate that a cupful of honey will sweeten a dish about as much as a cupful of sugar, but since honey contains water in addition, there is less need for milk or other liquids. For practical purposes it is accurate enough to consider that for each cupful of honey the quantity of a cupful is added to the recipe. If these facts are kept in mind special honey recipes are unnecessary.

Honey is marketed in two forms, known, respectively, as comb and extracted honey, the former being used much like jam or marmalade and the latter either in that way or for cooking. In the past there has been some prejudice against extracted honey—or honey removed from the comb—because it was believed that this was frequently adulterated. However prevalent this practice may have been in the past, recent legislation and the efforts of honey producers themselves have made it dangerous and unprofitable. There is now, it is believed, little adulterated extracted honey on the market. Comb honey is practically certain to be the pure product of the hive, because it can only be adulterated by processes which cost more than they save. When sold at retail there is now comparatively little difference in the cost of comb and extracted honey, but the latter can be purchased at wholesale very much cheaper. The reason for this is that the producer of comb honey makes a product which is practically ready to be delivered to the consumer. Moreover, it costs the bee-keeper less to produce extracted honey while the wholesaler who purchases extracted honey has several processes to go through with before he can sell it at retail. If the housewife is willing to do these herself, she can effect a considerable saving.

The simplest and, perhaps, most popular way of using honey is to serve it like jam or sirup with bread, pancakes, etc. When used in this way an ounce of honey may be regarded as the equivalent of an ounce of jam. When intended for sirup it is sometimes diluted with hot water, not only to make it less sweet, but also easier to pour. The housewife will also find some form of tart fruit served with honey, cottage cheese, and bread and butter an attractive combination and an economical substitute for the much prized and very expensive Bar-le-Duc currants which are themselves often cooked in honey and served with cream cheese and crackers. The following are typical of an almost endless number of honey recipes.

Honey and Nut Bran Muffins.
1-2 cup honey, 1 cup flour, from 1-4 to 1-2 teaspoon soda, 1-4 teaspoon salt, 2 eggs bran, 2 tablespoon melted butter, 1-2 cups milk, 2-4 cup finely chopped English walnuts.
Sift together the flour, soda, and salt, and mix them with the bran. Add the other ingredients and bake for 25 or 30 minutes in a hot oven in gem tins. This will make about 20 muffins.

Butter Honey Cake.
1-2 cups honey, 1-2 cup butter, 3 eggs yolks, 5 cups flour, 5 teaspoons ground cinnamon, 1-2 teaspoon soda, 1-2 cup chopped raisins, 1-2 orange-flower water, (water may be substituted), whites 3 eggs.
Rub together the honey and butter, add the unbeatened yolks and beat thoroughly. Add the flour sifted with the cinnamon and the salt, and the soda dissolved in the orange-flower water. Beat the mixture thoroughly and add the well-beaten whites of the eggs. Bake in shallow tins and cover with frosting.

Nut Honey Cake.
2 cups brown sugar, 2 cups honey, 1 egg yolks, 3 cups flour, speck of salt, 1-2 teaspoon soda, 1-2 spoon ground cinnamon, 1-2 teaspoon ground nutmeg, 1-2 teaspoon allspice, 1 cup chopped raisins, 1 ounce citron cut in small pieces, 1-2 ounce candied orange peel cut in small pieces, 1-2 pound almonds coarsely chopped, whites of 3 eggs.
Mix the sugar, honey, and butter, add the unbeatened yolks and beat thoroughly. Add the flour, salt, spices, and soda. Combine all ingredients but the whites of the eggs. Beat the whites of the eggs till they are stiff and add them last. Pour the dough to the depth of about half an inch into well-buttered tins, and bake in a slow oven for one-half hour.

POOR SPELLERS

A report just issued by Dean Briggs of Harvard University calls attention to the incorrect spelling which is so common at the present time. Dean Briggs notes that many great men have been very poor spellers and he finds that nowhere is American education more defective than in its failure to teach the correct use of the English language.

There are of course a great many successful men who are very poor spellers. If a man has executive ability, the gift of managing others, the fact that he spells "you" with an "e" does not hurt much in his business. Everyone knows what he means. His underlings dare not disobey his orders, though they may sneer at his written memoranda when safely out of hearing.

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To the young man struggling for a position in life, lack of ability to spell is somewhat more serious. A letter applying for a position that should contain several incorrectly spelled words would be reckoned that of an ignorant. It would convey a suggestion of indolence and inefficiency. The older people look back with regret at the little red schoolhouse, where rows of buzzing youngsters used to pore over the little black-speller by the hour together. Perhaps there were as many poor spellers then as now. In those days a great many men had little or no education. Bad spelling may have attracted less attention then now.

The old fashioned school had one astute method of developing the spelling habit, and that was the old time spelling match. Children does wake up the boys and girls wonderfully. They might dream for days over the regular spelling lesson without acquiring anything. But there was no satisfactory study when they were cramming for the Friday afternoon spelling match.

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